

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability) (Stock Code: 139)

# **INTERIM RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT** FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2006

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of 139 Holdings Limited (the "Company") announces the unaudited results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the six months ended 30 September 2006 (the "Period") together with comparative figures for the corresponding previous period as follows:-

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEME	21 <b>N I</b>	For the six months ended 30 September	
	Notes	2006 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	2005 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i> (Restated)
<b>REVENUE</b> Electronic products Treasury investment	2	32,353 8,885	5,484 29,889
		41,238	35,373
Cost of electronic products sold Brokerage and commission expenses		(32,142) (84)	(5,526) (805)
		(32,226)	(6,331)
		9,012	29,042
Other income and gains Selling and distribution costs Administrative expenses Other operating expenses	3	569 (208) (7,730) (40)	1,474 (71) (7,771) (180)
Fair value gains and losses, net: Equity investments at fair value through profit or loss Conversion option derivative Finance costs	5	(68,811) 339 (18)	(73,697) (5,472) (953)
LOSS BEFORE TAX	4	(66,887)	(57,628)
Tax	6	(00,007)	(37,020)
NET LOSS FOR THE PERIOD ATTRIBUTABLE TO ORDINARY EQUITY HOLDERS OF THE PARENT	-	(66,887)	(57,628)
DIVIDEND	7		
LOSS PER SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO ORDINARY EQUITY HOLDERS OF THE PARENT	8		
BASIC		HK(5.90) cents	HK(5.09) cents
DILUTED		N/A	N/A

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

	Notes	At 30 September 2006 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	At 31 March 2006 (Audited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b> Property, plant and equipment Prepaid land lease payment		489	403
Convertible notes – loan portion Available-for-sale equity investments		49,275 103,989	12,480 122,743
Total non-current assets		153,753	135,626
CURRENT ASSETS Convertible notes – call option portion Equity investments at fair value through profit or loss Inventories Trade receivables Bills receivables Prepayments, deposits and other receivables Pledged time deposits	9 10 11	4,921 96,441 78 11,747 2,497 2,426 6,860	192,558 6 10,235 7,985 6,731
Cash and cash equivalents		15,325	18,780
Total current assets		140,295	236,295
CURRENT LIABILITIES Trade payables Tax payable Other payables and accruals Finance lease payables	12	9,100 363 6,138 81	250 363 7,170 78
Total current liabilities		15,682	7,861
NET CURRENT ASSETS		124,613	228,434
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		278,366	364,060
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b> Finance lease payables Deferred tax liabilities		28	69 6,471
Total non-current liabilities		28	6,540
Net assets		278,338	357,520
<b>Equity attributable to equity holders of the parent</b> Issued capital Reserves Total equity	13	11,332 267,006 278,338	11,332 346,188 357,520
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### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. Basis of preparation and accounting policies

These condensed consolidated interim financial statements have not been audited by the Company's Auditors but have been reviewed by the Company's Audit Committee.

The unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements are prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard ("HKAS") No. 34 "Interim Financial Reporting", issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the "HKICPA") and Appendix 16 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules").

The accounting policies and basis of preparation used in the preparation of these unaudited interim financial statements are consistent with those used in the preparation of the Company's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2006. The new and revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs"), HKASs and Interpretations (hereinafter collectively referred to as "new HKFRSs") issued by the HKICPA that are effective for the accounting periods commencing on or after 1 January 2006 has had no significant impact on these unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements.

The HKICPA has also issued a number of new and revised HKFRSs which are not yet effective for the current reporting period. The Group has not early adopted those new HKFRSs in these unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements. The Group expects that the adoption of those new HKFRSs will not have significant impact on the Group's financial statements in the period of initial application.

Certain comparative amounts have been reclassified and restated to conform with the presentation and accounting treatments of the Period.

#### 2. Revenue and segmental information

#### (a) Primary reporting format – business segments

For the management purpose, the Group is currently organised into three operating divisions – electronic products, treasury investment and corporate & others. An analysis of the Group's turnover and results by business segments for the Period and the corresponding previous period is as follows:

#### Group

	Electro	onic products	Treasury	investment	Corporate	& others	Con	solidated
	2006 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	2005 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	2006 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	2005 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i> (Restated)	(Unaudited) HK\$'000	2005 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	2006 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	2005 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i> (Restated)
Segment Revenue: Sales to external customers Gains from treasury investm	<b>32,353</b>	5,484	8,885	29,889			32,353 8,885	5,484 29,889
Total	32,353	5,484	8,885	29,889			41,238	35,373
Segment results	(1,381)	(1,103)	(61,780)	(51,932)	) (3,894)	(4,818)	(67,055)	(57,853)
Interest income, gains and unallocated gains Unallocated expenses Finance costs							370 (184) (18)	1,346 (168) (953)
Loss before tax Tax							(66,887)	(57,628)
Loss for the period							(66,887)	(57,628)

#### (b) Secondary reporting format – geographical segments

An analysis of the Group's revenue by geographical segments for the Period and the corresponding previous period is as follows:-

#### Group

	Republic	eople's of China Hong Kong)	United States of America and Europe		Con	solidated
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Segment Revenue:						
Electronic products	28,250	_	4,103	5,484	32,353	5,484
Treasury investment	8,885	29,889			8,885	29,889
	37,135	29,889	4,103	5,484	41,238	35,373

#### 3. Other income and gains

		six months September
	2006	2005
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Bank interest income	363	1,341
Gain on disposal of items of property, plant and equipment	_	110
Others	206	23
	569	1,474

### 4. Loss before tax

The Group's loss before tax is arrived at after charging:-

		e six months 30 September
	2006	2005
	(Unaudited) HK\$'000	(Unaudited) HK\$'000
Depreciation	92	81

### 5. Finance costs

		six months ) September
	2006	2005 (Unavedited)
	(Unaudited) HK\$'000	(Unaudited) HK\$'000
Interest expenses on:		
bank overdraft and other loans wholly repayable within five years	13	950
finance leases	5	3
	18	953

#### 6. Tax

No Hong Kong profits tax has been provided during the Period (2005: Nil) as the Group did not derive any assessable profit attributable to its operation in Hong Kong.

No provision for tax in the Mainland China has been made during the Period (2005: Nil) since no assessable profit has been generated by the subsidiaries operating in the Mainland China.

### 7. Dividend

The Board has resolved not to pay any interim dividend for the six months ended 30 September 2006 (2005: Nil).

### 8. Loss per share attributable to ordinary equity holders of the parent

The calculation of basic loss per share is based on the net loss for the Period attributable to ordinary equity holders of the parent of HK\$66,887,000 (2005: HK\$57,628,000) and the 1,133,243,047 ordinary shares in issue during the Period (2005: weighted average number of 1,133,243,047 ordinary shares).

The diluted loss per share for the periods ended 30 September 2005 and 2006 has not been shown as there were no dilutive events during these periods.

### 9. Equity investments at fair value through profit or loss

	At	At
	30 September	31 March
	2006	2006
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Listed equity investments in Hong Kong,		
at fair value	96,441	192,558

#### 10. Inventories

		At	At
		30 September	31 March
		2006	2006
		(Unaudited)	(Audited)
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	Finished goods	78	6
11.	Trade receivables		
	Ageing analysis:		
		At	At
		30 September	31 March
		2006	2006
		(Unaudited)	(Audited)
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	Within 1 month	10,426	8,709
	1 to 2 months	732	736
	2 to 3 months	589	790
		11,747	10,235

The Group's trading terms with its customers are mainly on credit, except for new customers where payment in advance is normally required. The credit period is generally for a period of one month, extending up to three months for major customers. Each customer has a maximum credit limit. The Group seeks to maintain strict control over its outstanding receivables. Overdue balances are regularly reviewed by senior management. In view of the aforementioned and the fact that the Group's trade receivables relate to a large number of diversified customers, there is no significant concentration of credit risk. Trade receivables are non-interest-bearing.

### 12. Trade payables

Ageing analysis:

	At 30 September 2006 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	At 31 March 2006 (Audited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
Within 1 month	9,069	210
Over 3 months	31	40
	9,100	250
Share capital		
	At	At
	30 September	31 March
	2006	2006
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Authorised	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
- 60,000,000,000 ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each	600,000	600,000
Issued and fully paid		
- 1,133,243,047 ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each	11,332	11,332

#### Notes:

13.

A capital reorganisation scheme was approved by the shareholders under a special resolution on 28 July 2005, details of the which are as follows:

- (a) Every ten shares of HK\$0.01 each in the issued share capital of the Company were consolidated into one consolidated share of HK\$0.10;
- (b) Every issued consolidated share was reduced in nominal amount by cancelling HK\$0.09 of the capital paid up for each issued consolidated share so as to form (after the share consolidation) one reorganised share of HK\$0.01; and
- (c) The credit arising from the capital reorganisation was transferred to the contributed surplus of the Company.

The value of the authorised share capital of the Company before and after the capital reorganisation remains unchanged and is HK\$600,000,000.

### 14. Related party transactions

During the Period, the Group had no related party transactions.

## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

### **Business Review**

The Group's revenue for the Period was HK\$41.2 million, representing an increase of HK\$5.9 million or 16.6% compared with the corresponding period of last year. The net loss for the Period attributable to ordinary equity holders of the parent was HK\$66.9 million, representing an increase of HK\$9.3 million or 16.1% compared with the corresponding period of last year. Loss per share for the Period increased to HK5.90 cents (2005: HK5.09 cents). The Group's net loss for the Period was primarily attributable to a fair value loss on equity investment at fair value through profit or loss of HK\$68.8 million.

During the Period, the Group continued to put efforts into electronic product and market development by opening up more distribution channels and extending the product line. As a result, the sales revenue from electronic product trading substantially increased by HK\$26.8 million, or 490% to HK\$32.3 million. Coupled with strict cost control, the operating loss for this segment was contained at HK\$1.4 million.

The Group has continued to utilise its available fund in treasury investment. During the Period, the gain and the operating loss from treasury investment segment were HK\$8.9 million and HK\$61.8 million respectively.

### **Prospects**

In recent years, energy consumption in Mainland China has experienced a steady increase, driven by rapid economic growth, and in particular increasing demand for methanol in end user markets. In view of this, the Board considered that methanol production business in the Mainland China would have a considerable growth potential in long run.

In order to tap into the growing Mainland China energy market, the Group has entered into an agreement for investment in methanol refinery project at Inner Mongolia in Mainland China. Details of such investment were disclosed in the Company's announcements dated 19 October 2006 and 2 November 2006. For the second half of the year to come, the Group will continue to pursue its prudent strategy to explore investment opportunities to broaden its assets and revenue streams.

## **Financial Review**

The Group's sales revenue for the Period was HK\$41.2 million, representing an increase of HK\$5.9 million or 16.6% compared with the corresponding period of last year. The Group's sales revenue is comprised of the sales revenue of electronic product trading of HK\$32.3 million and gains from treasury investment of HK\$8.9 million .

The loss for the Period was HK\$66.9 million, comparing to loss of HK\$57.6 million for the corresponding period of last year. As at 30 September 2006, the Group's consolidated net asset value was HK\$278.3 million (at 31 March 2006: HK\$357.5 million). The Group maintained a sound financial position in terms of high assets liquidity and free of debt burden.

## Liquidity and Financial Resources

During the Period, the Group generally financed its operations with internally generated cash flow and banking facilities. The Group's cash and bank balances and time deposits as at 30 September 2006 amounted to HK\$22.2 million (at 31 March 2006: HK\$25.5 million).

As at 30 September 2006, there were no bank overdrafts, short and long term interest-bearing bank borrowings to the Group (at 31 March 2006: Nil).

As at 30 September 2006, the Group's current ratio was 8.9 times (at 31 March 2006: 30.1 times) based on current assets of HK\$140.3 million (at 31 March 2006: HK\$236.3 million) and current liabilities of HK\$15.7 million (at 31 March 2006: HK\$7.9 million).

As at 30 September 2006, the Group has no contingent liabilities or material commitments for the purchase of property, plant and equipment.

# **Capital Structure**

As at 30 September 2006, the Group's gearing ratio, being the total finance lease payables to net worth was 0.04% (at 31 March 2006: 0.04%).

The Group's bank deposits and borrowings are mainly denominated in Hong Kong dollars. Most of the Group's sales and purchases are made in United States dollars and Hong Kong dollars. Therefore, the exchange risk exposed to the Group is minimal.

## **Post Balance Sheet Event**

- (i) On 17 October 2006, the Company entered into an agreement with a placing agent for placement of 226,640,000 new shares of the Company at HK\$0.325 per share. The 226,640,000 placing shares represented approximately 20% of the then existing issued share capital of the Company. The net proceeds from the placing of approximately HK\$72.4 million will be used as additional working capital for the Group.
- (ii) On 1 November 2006, the Group entered into an agreement with JB International Holdings Limited to acquire (i) 25% of the equity interest together with shareholder's loan of Century Time Investments Limited which indirectly owns a Sino-foreign equity joint venture established under the laws of the PRC for HK\$150 million; and (ii) the call option to purchase up to an additional 50% equity interest of Century Time Investments Limited. The joint venture company is principally engaged in the manufacture and the sales of methanol at Inner Mongolia in the PRC. Details of the transaction were disclosed in the Company's announcements dated 19 October 2006 and 2 November 2006.

## Significant Investments

As at 30 September 2006, the Group had convertible notes issued by two companies listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited with carrying amount of HK\$54.2 million. The related interest for the Period was HK\$0.8 million.

As at 30 September 2006, the Group maintained a portfolio of equity investments (including available-forsale equity investments and equity investments at fair value through profit or loss) with total carrying amount of HK\$200.4 million. The related dividend income for the Period was HK\$3.2 million.

## **Details of Charge on Assets**

At 30 September 2006, a fixed deposit of HK\$6.9 million (2005: HK\$6.7 million) was pledged to secure banking facilities granted to the Group.

## **Material Acquisitions and Disposals**

During the Period, the Company had no other material acquisition and disposal of subsidiaries and associate.

## **Employment, Training and Development**

At 30 September 2006, the Group had a total of 45 employees of which 22 were based in Hong Kong and 23 based in Mainland China. The Group has committed itself to its staff training and development and structured training programs for all employees.

Remuneration packages are maintained at competitive level and reviewed on a periodic basis. Bonus and share options are awarded to certain employees according to the assessment of individual performance and industry practice.

## **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The Board is committed to maintaining good corporate governance, consistently enhancing transparency and effective accountability in order to maximize shareholders' benefit. Detailed disclosure of the Company's corporate governance practices was stated in the Company's Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2006.

The Company has complied with the code provisions set out in the Code on Corporate Governance Practices in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules throughout the six months ended 30 September 2006 except that there is no separation of the roles of the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer as laid down in the code provision A.2.1. Mr Wong Howard currently assumes the roles of both the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer of the Company. The Board believes that this structure provides the Group with strong and consistent leadership and allows for more effective and efficient business planning and decisions as well as execution of long term business strategies. As such, it is beneficial to the business prospects of the Company.

# PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF LISTED SECURITIES

Neither the Company, nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities during the Period.

# AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee of the Company meets at least twice a year to monitor and review the integrity and effectiveness of the Company's financial report. The Audit Committee has reviewed the Company's unaudited consolidated interim financial statements for the six months ended 30 September 2006 and discussed auditing, financial and internal control, and financial reporting matters of the Company. The members of the Audit Committee are Mr Tung Tat Chiu, Michael (Chairman of the Committee), Mr Li Chi Ming and Mr Wan Ngar Yin, David, all of whom are independent non-executive directors of the Company.

# DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY

As at the date hereof, the Company's executive directors are Mr Wong Howard, Mr Wong Yat Fai, and Mr Wu Qing and the independent non-executive directors of the Company are Mr Li Chi Ming, Mr Tung Tat Chiu, Michael and Mr Wan Ngar Yin, David.

On behalf of the Board **Wong Howard** *Executive Director* 

Hong Kong, 14 December 2006

\* for identification purposes only